

Directions

You will write a four-paragraph essay that addresses the following prompt:

Is Holden an insane person in a sane world, or is he a sane person in an insane world? What are the criteria for insanity or sanity? How does his world and Holden reflect the criterion as you define them?

Organization

1. Your introductory paragraph should contain a brief summary of the novel, which includes mentioning the title and the author. It should also include a clear, concise thesis that addresses your position.
2. Your second paragraph should provide a definition of sanity and insanity. This should be your definition of these terms, as well as modern-day examples of these things. This will help the reader to understand your perspective when addressing the prompt.
3. Your third and fourth paragraphs should provide specific proof and explanations that support your position. You should include quotes that are introduced and explained and RELEVANT to your point!
4. Your three body paragraphs should include topic sentences and concluding sentences.

Preparation

1. You are allowed to use ONLY the graphic organizer that is provided. You may only include brainstormed ideas, quotes, and topics sentences. You MAY NOT include outlines, pre-written paragraphs, or other notes. I will confiscate any papers that have these things!
2. Do as much as you want at home - write out the whole essay if you want. However, keep in mind that you CANNOT bring any pre-written things aside from the graphic organizer to the test.

Assessment

Essay will be assessed on the following:

- Audience and purpose: did you address the prompt? is your thesis clear?
- Content: do you use appropriate quotes? Do you explain your ideas? Are your ideas and explanations accurate to what actually happened in the story?
- Organization: do you have topic and concluding sentences? Do your thoughts flow logically from one idea to the next?
- Mechanics: few errors in spelling and punctuation. Paper does not include 1st or 2nd person. Quotes are cited properly in the essay.